

in this hallowed place, we extend again the thanks of a grateful nation. We extend the promise that their sacrifice will be honored. All of us who serve and wear the cloth of the nation today—we commit, we promise anew to do our duty so that America will remain the beacon of hope, the lighthouse of freedom, and the bastion of liberty. We make this promise in the memory of those who served and gave their lives in this place.

TRIBUTE TO JERRELL NORWOOD

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened recently to learn of the death of a respected and admired individual in my congressional district, Mr. Jerrell Norwood, of Malvern, Arkansas, who lost a courageous battle with cancer at age 64. Today, I wish to pay tribute to his life and achievements.

Jerrell Norwood spent much of his adult life serving his fellow citizens, and his accomplishments were numerous. For over a decade and a half, Jerrell served as County Fire Coordinator and Director of the Office of Emergency Management for Hot Spring County in Arkansas. He was a long-time volunteer and board member with the local Red Cross. For twenty-one years, he served as the first and only Ouachita Fire Chief, and he spent many years on the Resource Organization Service Excellence (R.O.S.E.) Board, a group dedicated to helping needy citizens.

During his career, Jerrell was responsible for building or improving nearly all of the bridges in Hot Spring County, and in 1994, he helped establish a water rescue for users of the nearby Ouachita River. His accolades include being a two-time Volunteer of the Year for Hot Spring County as well as being named Emergency Coordinator of the Year in 2000.

Jerrell Norwood was regarded with esteem and appreciation by all those who knew him well. His friends, neighbors and co-workers alike praised not only his ability to quickly assess and tackle an emergency situation, but more importantly his energy, dedication, common sense and genuine compassion for helping others. He was truly a man of integrity who gave himself to his work and his community. While his passing is a tremendous loss to the Malvern community and our state, his life and legacy of public service will be remembered for years to come.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Carolyn, his children, and all his family and friends during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO WEBERWOOD ELEMENTARY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Weberwood Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Weberwood Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia.

"Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Weberwood Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to Join me in honoring Weberwood Elementary.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STERLING ALEXANDER ROAF, SR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of a constituent and friend, Dr. Sterling Alexander Roaf, Sr. who passed away recently in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

A native of Pine Bluff, Sterling Roaf, Sr. was one of nine children born to Rev. Arthur Roaf and Charlotte Boughton Roaf. After graduating from Southeast Senior High School in 1962, he spent two years working on the Cotton Belt Railroad. In 1966, he graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He obtained his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1972 and moved to Los Angeles to complete his residency at Martin Luther King Hospital.

Following his residency, Sterling returned to Pine Bluff in 1976 where he established the Roaf Clinic with his brother Clinton Roaf, a dentist, and practiced obstetrics-gynecology until his death. In 1998, he was recognized by the Arkansas Times as one of Arkansas' Best Physicians in gynecology, obstetrics, and oncology. According to his brother, Sterling delivered some 600 infants a year. He truly brought into the world an entire generation of children and touched the lives of countless others in the Pine Bluff area, and he will be greatly missed by the thousands of patients and families who were impacted by his caring and dedicated work.

Sterling Roaf Sr. was not just a great doctor. He was an active and giving member of his community, a devoted member of the church, and a loving father and grandfather. My heart goes out to his children, his brother and five sisters, and all of his friends and relatives in their loss.

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN HIGGINS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Memorably described by President Franklin Roosevelt as "a date

which will live in infamy," Pearl Harbor Day has taken on added significance since September 11, when America was again "suddenly and deliberately attacked."

Last week, I had the opportunity to participate in the 60th anniversary memorial services at Pearl Harbor. I was particularly struck by a moving speech given at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific by Robin Higgins, Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Secretary Higgins, from my home state of Florida, was herself a victim of terrorism when her husband, Marine Colonel Rich Higgins was murdered in Lebanon 13 years ago. She and her husband have dedicated their lives in service of this country, and they are two true American heroes.

Mr. Speaker, as we remember the brave survivors of Pearl Harbor and the men and women serving in our military around the world, I salute Rich and Robin Higgins, and I ask unanimous consent that Secretary Higgins speech be inserted into the RECORD.

The Honorable Robin Higgins, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS, 60TH ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 7, 2001 THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC

Medal of Honor recipients Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Firin; Congressman Bill Young from my great state of Florida; Congressman Neil Abercrombie from the great state of Hawaii; Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, from the great state of New Jersey; Chairman Myers; distinguished military and civilian guests; most honored members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; World War II veterans; and all fellow veterans and their families . . . Good morning, and thank you Gene for that kind introduction.

I want to add a special acknowledgement of some special visitors with us today from New York who are here as guests of the State of Hawaii—325 family members of men and women who were lost in the World Trade Center on September 11.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi, had very much hoped to be here—and were it not for extraordinary events in Washington, he would have. But he asked me to send you his best wishes. I appreciate and am humbled by the opportunity to represent him and the more than 219,000 men and women of the Department of Veterans' Affairs who stand ready to honor your service to America.

Few occasions merit words like "horrific," "devastating," and "tragic." Fewer still cause a speaker to follow those superlatives with words like "magnificent," "awesome," or "heroic." Yet today—as I stand here in this most sacred of places, this shrine to the sacrifices of so many honorable men and women—I am struck by the notion that what happened on this morning 60 years ago brings into play all those words and probably more.

Let me say that I do not believe we need to replay the events of that morning; I am convinced that no movie, no documentary made today, no well-meaning attempt to recreate for today's generation the horrific events of December 7, 1941, can ever do justice to what you as survivors already know . . . already lived through . . . already redeemed through your own selfless service to America.

I take my cue from the words of Abraham Lincoln who stood on the soil of a great battlefield in 1863 and said, ". . . we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and